

Washington Forest Practices Adaptive Management Science Conference

February 24th, 2004

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER) of the Washington State Forest Practices Board announces the first annual Forest Practices Adaptive Management Science Conference on February 24th, 2004 in Olympia, Washington. CMER is responsible for conducting applied research in support of adaptive management of the Forests and Fish Agreement, which governs forestry practices on most private and state lands in Washington State. The Forests and Fish Agreement, which was signed into law in 1999, was designed to meet Clean Water Act requirements and ESA standards for all fish species and seven species of stream associated amphibians.

The one day conference will highlight the results of CMER and related studies including: 1) **Headwater research**; e.g., annual and regional variation of surface water in headwater streams, tailed frog abundance as a function of basin size, and headwater amphibian sampling methods, 2) **Fish and forest interactions research**; e.g., predicting upward extent of fish distribution, characterizing riparian stands using low-level aerial photography, predicting stream water temperature, and bull trout presence/absence sampling efficiency, and 3) **Management induced sediment**; e.g., road sediment model validation, characterizing landslide by remote sensing, and road sediment research.

The conference will be held on the Washington State Capitol Campus at the DSHS Office Building 2 Auditorium in Olympia. Presentations are scheduled from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. There is no fee for the conference, however **reservations are required**. More information on agenda, travel, and lodging will be available later this fall on the CMER web site:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/forestpractices/adaptivemanagement/>

To register, please send an e-mail including your name, affiliation, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number to: Heather Rowton at hrowton@wfpa.org.

Please forward this announcement to others who may wish to attend.